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Applicant: ROMAN SCHERTLER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX NEW APPLICATION**

July 19, 2000

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendment is submitted for consideration prior to calculation of fees and an action on the merits.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-34 and substitute the following claims therefor:

*Sub-D1 >* 35. A vacuum process apparatus for processing at least one workpiece, comprising a chamber with  
two openings defining respective opening areas; and  
a transport device having a drive shaft rotatable  
around a rotational axis of said drive shaft;  
two conveyors for at least one workpiece each, and a  
transport arm for each conveyor mounted opposite each other to  
said draft shaft;